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Three New Brunswick communities receive \$221,354 from gas-tax funds (07/07/17)

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NEW MARYLAND (CNB) - The municipalities of New Maryland, Chipman and Millville in central New Brunswick will be able to undertake substantial improvements to local infrastructure after receiving their first payments under the Canada-New Brunswick Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues and the Provincial Gas Tax Transfer Top-up Fund.



(Multimedia)

Business New Brunswick Minister Greg Byrne and Tobique-Mactaquac MP Mike Allen made the announcement today. In total, 21 New Brunswick municipalities will benefit from the first installment of gas-tax funding this summer.

"Improving local infrastructure is a priority for New Brunswick," Byrne said. "This funding will give municipalities the opportunity to address local infrastructure needs and to improve the quality of life of residents, while providing them with a healthy environment. We recognize that municipalities have a crucial role to play in the economic development of the province, and assisting them in building and maintaining safe and adequate infrastructure is another step in attaining self-sufficiency as a province."

Byrne attended on behalf of Local Government Minister Victor Boudreau.

"The Government of Canada is moving forward on its commitment to support environmentally sustainable infrastructure in communities across Canada," Allen said. "Central New Brunswick communities will be able to proceed with infrastructure projects that have a direct impact on the economy, the environment and the health of communities, thanks to this investment."

Allen attended on behalf of Lawrence Cannon, minister of transport, infrastructure and communities.

The Government of Canada is providing \$116 million over five years to New Brunswick through the Gas Tax Fund, and the province is adding \$30 million in top-up funding. In total, \$146 million will be provided to communities from 2005 to 2010 for investment in environmentally sustainable municipal infrastructure.

The Gas Tax Fund is part of the Building Canada infrastructure plan. In the 2007 budget the federal government announced the \$33-billion plan to provide long-term, stable and predictable funding to help

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meet infrastructure needs across Canada. Building Canada will support a stronger, safer and healthier country through infrastructure projects that support cleaner air and water, a stronger economy, and a better quality of life for communities.

New Brunswick communities will be using these funds for environmentally sustainable infrastructure projects such as clean water, wastewater, community-energy systems, solid-waste management, public transit, capacity building and transportation. In the case of these three communities, the money will go toward wastewater and water projects, as well as active transportation infrastructure categories.

To receive its first payment, each municipality submitted a five-year capital investment plan for review by the province, and signed an agreement contract with the Department of Local Government.

Today's announcement follows a similar one made late last year where more than \$2 million was transferred to 20 other New Brunswick communities.

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List of Projects

Chipman - \$52,524

The Village of Chipman will undertake projects under the wastewater and active transportation infrastructure categories.

Millville - \$11,700

The Village of Millville will undertake projects under the active transportation infrastructure category.

New Maryland - \$157,130

The Village of New Maryland will undertake projects under the wastewater and water categories.

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